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Results on the NSW Far North Coast

CFar North Coast Weeds have been trialling Parra Trooper with success on Giant Rats Tail Grass and Giant Parramatta Grass. Despite the fairly dry weather this Spring, the results speak for themselves.

Crown Rot in Giant Parramatta Grass and Giant Rats Tail Grass at Casino

Jeremy and Rhet visited a Far North Coast Weeds Parra Trooper trial site at Bens Rd, Casino on 25/10/16. The untreated control site showed no signs of Nigrospora crown rot.

Despite the fairly dry conditions, there was new growth (5-15cm tall) in Giant Parramatta Grass and Giant Rats Tails Grass.

Across the track, where Parra Trooper was sprayed in February 2016, there are clear signs of Nigrospora crown rot in both Giant Parramatta Grass and Giant Rats Tail Grass. The tussocks were easily flattened and there were no signs of current season growth in these grasses.

Parra Trooper success at Woodlawn College

Jeremy Bradley and Far North Coast Weeds Officer, Kim Curtis, visited Woodlawn College on 25/10/16 and spotted Nigrospora crown rot in Giant Parramatta Grass that has been sprayed with Parra Trooper.

Parra Trooper had been sprayed in February on one side of the track but Jeremy and Kim did not know which.

After a few minutes of searching on one side of the track they found clear evidence of Nigrospora crown rot. An intense 15 minute search of the other side of the track revealed no evidence of crown rot.

You guessed it. Crown rot appeared in the area sprayed with Parra Trooper.



**Giant Parramatta Grass infected
with Nigrospora crown rot 8 months
after spraying with Parra Trooper**